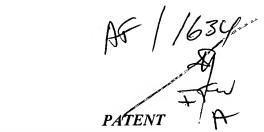
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## AMENDMENT and REMARKS

This Paper responds to the communication from the Examiner mailed June 17, 2004.

Please enter the following Amendment to the above-identified Application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the Application is respectfully requested.

## Petition for Extension of Time

The Applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for reply to the Office Action dated June 17, 2004 for one (1) month from September 17, 2004 to Sunday, October 17, 2004. A check for \$110 in payment of the extension fee is enclosed. This Paper is believed to be timely filed by its mailing with a certification of mailing

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